

House Bill 419 – Oppose

**House Committee on Economic Matters
“Natural Gas - Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement (Ratepayer
Protection Act)”**

Please return an **UNFAVORABLE** report for HB0419.

Given where we are with the current capacity of power generation, all efforts need to be focused on solving our energy crisis and resource adequacy. We should be encouraging investment in existing infrastructure.

This Bill introduces impediments to delivering a safe and efficient energy system to all customers, including those who cannot afford to electrify.

There may come a time when discretionary funding is available to invest in new technologies and delivery methods, but right now we need to allow the gas companies to pursue the most cost-effective methods to leverage their existing systems to provide energy to all customers.

Thank you for your consideration,



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